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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is a Central Advisory Board of Education which contains almost all the eminent educationists in India and they have indicated their view in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not Dr. C. R. Reddi a member of that Central Advisory Board of Education ; and is not the view expressed by that Board in their report different from that of this Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, Sir. I am not sure whether Dr. C. R. Reddi is a member of that Board. Whatever it may be, this Government do not agree with him on this question."

Judgment on the Habeas Corpus *application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi.*

* 36 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government have perused the judgment of the High Court in the *Habeas Corpus* application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi and what action has been taken to rectify the defects in enquiry, disposal of representations, etc., to which pointed attention has been drawn, especially on the inordinate delay on the part of the District Magistrate in sending replies to references?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" The Government have perused the judgment of the High Court in the *Habeas Corpus* application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi. Suitable instructions have been issued by Government to the authorities concerned regarding the avoiding of delays, etc., in respect of cases relating to persons detained under the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Act, 1947."

Adequacy of the staff of nurses, etc., in the City hospitals.

* 37 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the hospitals in the City have adequate staff of nurses, male nurses, thoties and other staff; and

(b) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of accommodation and consequent overcrowding in all the hospitals in the City and, if so, what steps the Government are taking to meet the same?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) The strength of the nursing staff is adequate. The staff of compounders, nursing orderlies, cooks and thoties are sanctioned according to standard scales fixed with reference to the bed strength and whenever there is any increase in the bed strength, the Surgeon-General applies for sanction for the required additional staff.